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PRODUCTION EXPORT OF TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated target/production of various brands of tea in the country during the last three years including current year, brand - wise and State-wise ;

(b) the total domestic requirement of tea and surplus available for export during the above period;

(c) the total area as on date under tea cultivation in each State;

(d) the countries to whom tea has been exported/being exported;

(e) the quantity of tea exported to these countries during the last three years and proposed to be exported during current year;

(f) the contribution of foreign exchange by the tea industry to the Indian economy during the above period;

(g) the salient features of various schemes launched by the Governments/ Tea Board for the development of tea sector;

(h) the loans/ assistance given to tea growers during each of the last three years alongwith the number of tea growers benefited thereby in each State; and

(i) the expected growth in the tea production at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan and tentative projection for the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : Targets for production of tea are fixed on an all India basis and not separately for States and brands. All India production targets were fixed at 860 million kgs. in 1998-99, 843 million kgs in 1999-2000, 873 million kgs in 2000-01 and 850 million kgs in 2001-02. State wise production of tea during the last three years, including current year, is as follows:

(figures in million kg)

States	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02 (April-Dec.)
Assam	454.71	442.13	454.89	429.23
West Bengal	189.46	174.35	184.23	1181.24
Tamil Nadu	126.61	131.67	127.77	102.08
Kerala	68.48	71.81	66.09	51.32
Karnataka	5.67	5.44	5.39	4.35
Others	9.85	9.95	9.99	9.76
Total	854.78	835.35	848.36	777.98

(b) The total domestic consumption of tea and the surplus available for export during the last three years is as follows:

(figures in million kg)

Year	Production	Consumption	Surplus for Exports
1999	824.41	633	191.41
2000	846.48	653	193.48
2001	853.71	673	180.71

(c) Total area under tea cultivation in major tea producing States is as follows:

States	Area under Tea cultivation (in Hectare)
Assam	267392
West Bengal	109690
Tamil Nadu	74331
Kerala	36762
Karnataka	2106
Others	16915
Total	507196

(d) to (f): Indian tea is exported to more than 80 countries of the world. The major countries to which tea was exported and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years are as follows:

(Quantity in Million Kgs.)
(Value in Rupees Crores)

Name of Country	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002 + (April-Nov)	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
Russian Federation	82.17	814.36	96.54	808.87	78.46	540.40	48.34	328.37
United Arab Emirate	20.00	209.13	19.12	219.00	22.00	257.59	14.95	183.38
United Kingdom	21.03	222.63	17.73	197.87	21.17	204.26	13.6	126.73
Kazakhastan	7.87	82.77	6.78	72.19	8.22	86.76	8.5	89.71
United State of America	4.61	66.49	7.78	110.17	6.72	86.84	3.8	57.87
Others	70.18	796.46	44.49	524.56	66.98	713.93	36.01	321.19

Total 205.86 2191.84 192.44 1932.66 203.55 1889.78 125.20 1107.25

+ estimated

(g) : During the Ninth Five Year Plan, Tea Board has launched eight Plan Schemes. These Schemes provide for extending financial assistance by way of long term loan, subsidy and grant in aid. The activities for which financial support is extended include replanting, rejuvenation, quality enhancement through replacement of old machinery, creation of irrigation facilities, extension of advisory services to small growers, R&D support, market development and export promotion, organizing training programmes/study tours and setting up of tea nurseries etc.

(h) : The major state/region-wise assistance given to tea growers during the last three years is as follows:

(Value in Rs. Lakhs)

State	Year	Subsidy Disbursed	Loan Disbursed	No. of Beneficiaries
West Bengal	1998-1999	1205.23	443.08	188
	1999-2000	1167.78	467.45	148
	2000-2001	1916.81	361.39	89
North East	1998-1999	412.95	552.15	597
	1999-2000	392.51	514.37	421
	2000-2001	751.80	243.89	300
South India	1998-1999	137.64	163.59	402
	1999-2000	143.24	52.98	253
	2000-2001	92.70	59.70	195

(i) By the end of the Ninth Plan, tea production is estimated to be around 858 million kgs. Tea production is estimated to reach 975 million kgs by the end of the Tenth Plan.